

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 31, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated August 3, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 16, 18 and 19 are in the application, with Claims 7, 8, 14, 15 and 20 to 23 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1 and 16 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the interview conducted on August 24, 2007, in which the Examiner agreed that any rejections made in a first action after the presently-filed RCE would not be made final. Applicant submits the following remarks accurately reflect the substance of the interview.

Turning to the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over by U.S. Patent No. 6,424,660 (Jacobson). Claims 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Jacobson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,281 (Seo). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Referring to the specific language of the claims, independent Claim 1 defines a management device for connecting a communication control device and a management center. The management device comprises wireless communication means for wirelessly transmitting an information signal to the communication control device. The information signal includes an identifier of the communication control device. The management device also comprises memory means for storing an identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device, reception

means for receiving the identifier of the management device and the identifier of the communication control device from the management center that manages the communication control device, and registration means for registering, in the memory means, the identifier of the management device received by the reception means, and the identifier of the communication control device received by the reception means.

Independent Claim 16 defines a method for registering identification data that generally relates to the apparatus of Claim 1, but is more specifically directed to receiving identifiers from a management center that manages a communication control device, and registering, in a memory, the identifiers received in the reception step.

The applied references are not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 1 and 16, and in particular, are not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of receiving an identifier of a communication control device from a management center, and wirelessly transmitting an information signal to the communication control device, wherein the information signal includes the identifier of the communication control device.

The Office Action corresponds Jacobson's reception device 200 and system controller 120 to a "management device", and asserts that IR receiver 202 of reception device 200 "receives data [which includes a target address identifying reception device 200] from a remote control device (220)", and transmit logic 306 of system controller 120 "communicates wirelessly with [individually addressable] component devices". (Office Action, page 3)(citations omitted). The Advisory Action further asserts that Jacobson's "target address must eventually be translated into a form that uniquely identifies the control interface of an individual component" since Jacobson's individual components are

“individually addressable”. (See, Advisory Action, page 3). Thus, according to Applicant’s understanding of the Office Action’s characterization, Jacobson’s reception device 200 receives a target address that identifies the reception device 200 itself, the target address is translated into another form, i.e., an address of an individual component, and system controller 120 communicates with the individually addressed component device.

However, assuming *arguendo* the Office Action’s characterization of Jacobson is correct¹, Jacobson’s reception of a target address, translation of the target address into an address of an individual component, and communication with the individually addressed component, without more, is not seen to disclose or to suggest receiving an identifier of a communication control device from a management center, and wirelessly transmitting an information signal to the communication control device, wherein the information signal includes the identifier of the communication control device.

The remaining applied reference, namely Seo, is not seen to cure the deficiencies of Jacobson, either alone or in any permissible combination. Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 16 are believed to be allowable.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

¹Applicant does not concede that the Office Action’s characterization is correct.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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